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photos: Katherine Rinne

Water shapes us

Water has been the theme flowing through much of this season's BSA Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library. It has been the importance of waterfronts and harbors that have shaped this series in part just as they have shaped the city's planning efforts over the years. The reason is, of course, obvious: water does shape cities and therefore shapes us.


This issue is examined from an intriguing angle this month in the BSA Lecture Series on **April 18**. Katherine Rinne, the Cambridge urban historian (and hydrologist) comes to the Lecture Series to take us on an extraordinary journey that illuminates the ways in which water shapes our cities through natural systems (streams, rivers, springs, rain, etc.) and artificial systems (sewers, conduits, fountains, etc.). Rinne focuses on Rome (with glances at Boston) and deepens and broadens our view of urban history in surprising ways. (The images above are familiar Roman sites.)

Rinne's presentation begins at 6:00 pm at the BPL's Rabb Lecture Hall in Copley Square on April 18. There is no charge and all are invited.

For more information on the BSA Lecture Series, write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-433x221.

**"How We Live": The Civic Initiative for A Livable New England**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and dozens of private-sector institutions and organizations led by A.J. Martini Inc. General Contractors and the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy join the BSA in an examination of smart growth in our region at this month's charrette — see p. 5.

	Event	Location/Sponsor	Cost/RSVP
April 4-27 9:00 am-5:00 pm, M-F	"Rotch Finalists" — a special BSA exhibit of the competition entries of this year's Rotch Traveling Scholarship finalists (see p. 3)	The Architects Building Sponsored by Rotch Traveling Scholarship Committee and Suffolk Construction Company	Free No RSVP required
April 9 6:00 pm	"Working Abroad" — the monthly informal presentation of work overseas by New England architects this month welcomes Ron Ostberg AIA (right); see p. 4. 	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA International Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
April 10 8:00 am-5:00 pm	"Air-Barrier Technologies III" — the BSA's third annual conference on air-barrier technologies (see p. 3)	Burlington Marriott Sponsored by the BSA Building Envelope Committee, BBRS <i>et al.</i>	Cost varies Registration details: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
April 11 6:00 pm	"Ethics and Architecture" — a new BSA series on professional ethics (see p. 3)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA Ethics Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
April 11 & 19	"Young Designers Professional Development Institute" — the year-long training curriculum for young designers	Location varies Sponsored by the BSA and Gathering Pace Consulting	Cost varies For details: 617-951-1433 x232 rfitzgerald@architects.org
April 18 6:00 pm	"Water Shapes Us" — the BSA Lecture Series this month welcomes urban historian Katherine Rinne (see p. 1)	Boston Public Library	Free No reservations required
April 24 1:00-5:00 pm	"Designs Professionals Day on Beacon Hill" — the annual assault by architects on Beacon Hill to convey our interest in legislative issues affecting our practices (see p. 4)	The State House Sponsored by the BSA, AIA Massachusetts, and our allies	Free Details: alee@architects.org 617-951-1433x225
April 25 6:00 pm	"Women in Design Conversations" — the monthly gathering of women in the design professions discussing design, practice, career options, etc.; this month it's the complex balancing of life and work (see p. 11 and the Letters on p. 17)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA Women in Design Network	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
April 27-29	"Civic Initiative Charrette" — the culminating regional design charrette focusing on smart growth (see p. 5)	Northeastern University Sponsored by the BSA, EPA, A.J. Martini Inc. General Contractors and other allies	\$50 (includes all meals, materials, fees) RSVP: 617-951-1433x225 alee@architects.org

Air-barrier technologies are focus of BSA workshop

On **April 10** the BSA hosts its third annual all-day conference on air-barrier technologies. This year the focus is on hands-on detailing of air-barrier applications. This series of air-barrier conferences is co-sponsored by the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards and the major gas and electric utilities in our region.

This session — led by the Canadian experts on air-barrier technology — begins at 8:00 am at the Burlington Marriott. Space is limited and registrations must be made in advance; there is no on-site registration. For details, call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org.

What is your "image of home"?

April 15 is the deadline for BSA members and friends who want to participate in this year's architectural auction at the Massachusetts College of Art.

The auction, which is on **May 31**, and the design competition leading up to it focus on "images of home" designed by architects and others. The entire event is sponsored by Shelter Inc., the extraordinary service organization working with the homeless in Boston, is chaired by Ann Gund and Graham Gund FAIA.

Last year the auction focused on birdhouses designed by architects. As readers may recall from the ChapterLetter report on last year's event, Boston architects created dozens of extraordinarily delightful and often incredible birdhouses. The subsequent auction of those birdhouses raised over \$30,000 for Shelter Inc.

For guidelines for this year's program, once again led by Marc Margulies AIA and Anne Margulies, call Kellie Jackson at Margulies & Associates in Boston at 617-482-3232.

Want a Rocky Mountain high?

If you are planning to be at the AIA national convention next month in Denver, don't miss the New England reception hosted by the BSA, AIA New England, the BAC, GSD, MIT, and Wentworth. It is 5:30 pm in the Hyatt Regency Denver on Saturday, **May 19**. Questions? Call write 617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org.

Finalists' work in Rotch competition exhibited at BSA

The exceptional competition entries submitted to this year's Rotch traveling scholarship competition are represented by the finalists' entries at special exhibit at the BSA through **April 27**.

The national finalists, who atypically are all from the Boston area, are Karl Erik Larson (Thompson and Rose), Milton Lau (Ann Beha Architects), Lorenzo Mattii (Moshe Safdie and Associates), Thomas John Melville (Ellenzweig Associates), and Kari Silloway (Perry Dean Rogers & Partners).

Among the jurors this year were Steve Foote AIA (Perry Dean Rogers & Partners), Mark Jarzonbek (MIT), Ann Pendleton-Jullian, Joe Mamayek AIA (Jung/Brannen), John MacDonald AIA (CannonDesign Boston), Mark Mendell (CannonDesign New York), and Hugh Shepley FAIA.

The exhibits program in The Architects Building is sponsored by Suffolk Construction Company. For more information on the program, write/call Alexandra Lee at alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x227.

Ethics Forum sparks debate among architects

Are there general ethical principles in the practice of architecture? If so, what are they? If not, what are the alternatives?

The new BSA Ethics Forum, which met for the first time last month, continues this month on **April 11**. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather informally for an off-the-record exploration of ethical issues that we encounter everyday in our practices. Case studies, real-time cases proposed by practitioners, anonymous case submissions, and general ethical issues are the focus of these discussions.

This effort, sponsored by the BSA Ethics Committee chaired by Bruce Wood AIA of Kallmann McKinnell & Wood, evolved from the uncommonly popular ethics workshops at Build Boston during the past two years.

Co-chaired by Harvard ethicist Victoria Beach and Boston architect Brad Walker AIA, the evening discussions at the BSA are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm (with refreshments). All design professionals and other interested in these issues are invited to join us each month. For more information, write Beach at vbeach@gsd.harvard.edu or Walker at bwalker@ruhlwalker.com.



Victoria Beach



Brad Walker AIA

Architects working abroad gather at the BSA

On **April 9**, the BSA International Committee welcomes Ron Ostberg AIA of The Stubbins Associates in this month's installment of the BSA's popular "Working Abroad" program. All design professionals are welcome to join us as Ostberg describes and invites comments on his view of the role of craft in his firm's work abroad.

These informal, wine-&-cheese evenings at the BSA are free and have proved to be excellent design, marketing and networking opportunities as they provide exceptional insights into securing and executing work overseas. Join us at The Architects Building at 6:00 pm on April 9; RSVP to 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org.

*Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA, Chair
International Committee*

Energy code change is effective now

The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) adopted new requirements for energy conservation now included in the State Building Code (780 CMR, Chapter 13). The new provisions took effect on January 1 and they constitute an entire replacement of the current Chapter 13, which affects all new commercial and high-rise residential buildings in Massachusetts.

The BBRS, in cooperation with the US Department of Energy and Massachusetts gas and electric utilities, is offering a year-long series of training seminars on the new energy code. Architects, engineers, interior designers, contractors and others are encouraged to attend. For more information about the training schedule and registration, and to see the content of the new requirements, visit the BBRS Web site at www.state.ma.us/bbbs/energy.htm or for schedule and meeting information, call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org.

David Weitz, BBRS

Ed. note: Massachusetts building and other codes are available from the BSA (to order, visit the Web at www.architects.org or call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org)...and see p. 7 for details on a new guide to the energy code now at the BSA.

Architects gather at the State House on Beacon Hill

Construction reform, school building construction, a proposed Massachusetts "green" building tax credit, and frivolous lawsuits are the issues Massachusetts architects address this month when we make our annual pilgrimage to Beacon Hill.

Design Professionals Day on Beacon Hill is **April 24**. Every architect in Massachusetts is encouraged to arrive at Beacon Hill at 12:45 pm for a legislative briefing and informal conversation with state legislators representing every district in Massachusetts.

The enormous legislative successes the architectural profession enjoyed last year — for which we were honored by our colleagues in Washington (see p. 12) — grew largely from the valuable opportunities we have had on these annual trips to Beacon Hill to convey our interests to our lawmakers.

This effort is important to our practices and important to communities throughout the state. Initiated by the BSA and AIA Massachusetts nearly a decade ago, this annual gathering on Beacon Hill now includes our allies in the engineering and landscape architecture professions.

For more details and information on how to participate, write/call Alexandra Lee at alee@architects.org/ 617-951-1433x225.

Energy code addressed in BSA meetings this month

As the July 1, 2001 deadline approaches for full compliance with the new Massachusetts energy code, the BSA Codes & Regulations Committee devotes its **April 18** and **May 16** meetings to discussions of the impact of these provisions on pending and future building projects.

On April 18, **Wagdy Anis AIA**, Chair of the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Energy Advisory Committee and BBRS codes expert David Weitz join us to answer questions about the intentions and application of the code, which applies to all new construction.

At our May 16 meeting, Weitz returns with **Mark Kalin FAIA**, Co-Chair of the BSA Building Envelope Committee, to discuss the development of new energy conservation requirements for existing buildings. Both meetings — and all Codes & Regulations Committee meetings — are on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in The Architects Building. All are welcome.

*Vernon Woodworth AIA, Chair
Codes & Regulations Committee*



Former state legislator George Bachrach, the architectural profession's legislative advisor



George Metzger AIA, Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee



Wagdy Anis AIA



Mark Kalin FAIA

The Civic Initiative charrette is this month

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On **April 27-29**, the BSA's Civic Initiative for A Livable New England brings together an extraordinary array of civic leaders, urban and regional planners, educators, economists, state legislatures, design professionals and other allies for a concentrated focus on the challenges to smart growth currently being faced in New England and how our communities and our profession can best address these challenges.



photo: Koby-Anupit



photo: Lincoln Studio

Hosted by Northeastern University, this month's charrette is part of the two-year Civic Initiative program inaugurated by former BSA president **Rebecca Barnes FAIA** (above left) and sponsored by **Paul Martini** (above right) of A.J. Martini Inc. General Contractors, who approached the BSA early in the process to express a major commitment to this regional planning effort. A.J. Martini's significant contribution of \$25,000 to underwrite this effort also helped stimulate support from our other co-sponsors including the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the National Association of Industrial Office Properties, the U.S. General Services Administration and dozens of other public agencies, design firms, environmental organizations, planning associations and allies throughout the industry.

This charrette has been organized by urban designer **David Dixon FAIA** (right) and Community Design Partnership's Larissa Brown, both of whom have served as members of the Civic Initiative Steering Committee for the past two years.

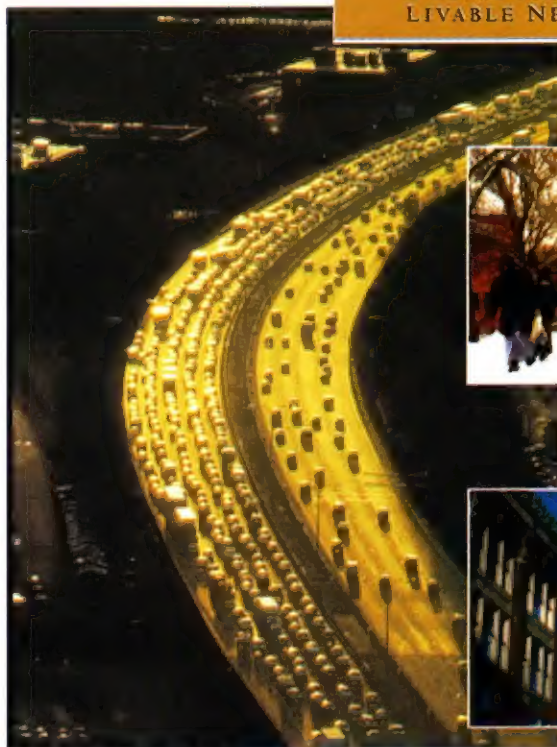


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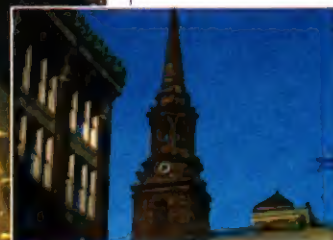
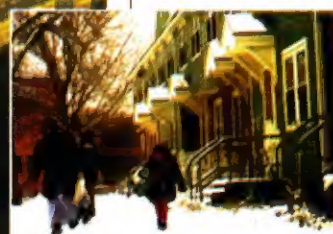
The charrette begins at Northeastern at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 27 for registration and the keynote address and an outline of the weekend's program. On Saturday we begin by focusing on transportation, sustainability, economic development, regional competitiveness, housing, education, public facilities and infrastructure, watershed and environmental issues, community character and identity, and open space and recreation.

How We Live

A CIVIC INITIATIVE for a
LIVABLE NEW ENGLAND



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The afternoon is devoted to case studies of opportunities such as the urban ring, town centers, the I-495 technology corridor, regional air travel, residential growth in the western suburbs and more.

Invited speakers include U.S. Sen. John Kerry, urban mayors in Massachusetts, our state legislators, leaders of major Massachusetts corporations, and the residents of Massachusetts.

All readers of the ChapterLetter are invited to join us for this critical moment in the region's physical development. For registration and other details, write/call Alexandra Lee at the BSA (alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x225)

Robert Brown AIA, President

What are we getting for our dues?

This regular ChapterLetter feature highlights one useful program/service/activity our BSA dues help underwrite. This month we draw attention to the Civic Initiative described on this page. Our dues support this two-year effort to elevate public awareness of the importance of good design, thoughtful planning, and the value of the architectural profession in helping to shape our neighborhoods, our cities, and our regions.



LBD logo designed by
seven-year-old
Jamaica Plain student
Martin Cain



photo: Alexandra Lee

"Learning By Design" works

"If you can call a steady workload in an effort that is finally reaching more and more children a good thing, then Learning By Design in Massachusetts is a success." Those are the words of Jan Ham, the program director of the BSA's Learning By Design program, which brings design training to schoolchildren and school teachers in Massachusetts elementary and secondary schools.

Ham has been working as an itinerant design educator for years in Massachusetts and her partnership with the BSA, which began a few years ago, now has brought Learning By Design in Massachusetts to the Dickerman School in Dorchester (students in grades 4 and 5 designing their schoolyard/outdoor learning spaces), schoolchildren in Lawrence, Somerville and Framingham (learning about community design in children's elements of the Civic Initiative for A Livable New England), students in grades 4-6 in Sunderland (designing an architectural history museum exhibit), grade 7 students in Attleboro (engaged in a "box city" community-design project), Littleton Junior High School students (an afterschool history-building program titled "Rome in A Day"), grade 3 students in East Taunton (another "box city" program), grade 5 students at the Olmsted School in Easton (studying the impact of a train station planned for their town), all grades in Melrose (a six-day "box city" program), students in the Westboro Jewish Community Center architecture camp (field trips to Boston to study Jewish religious facilities), architecture courses for high-school and middle-school children throughout the summer at the Massachusetts College of Art...and on and on and on.

"Learning By Design in Massachusetts is an exceptionally important and already exceptionally successful BSA effort to elevate design awareness and design engagement in schoolchildren throughout the region," noted BSA president Robert Brown AIA recently. He also noted that the program owed its success to the uncommon commitment and teaching skills of program director Jan Ham and program manager Polly Carpenter AIA. "Ham and Carpenter are leading a group of architects and other volunteers on what undoubtedly is the critical mission for our profession," Brown added, "the transmission of our values and our own commitment to design to the next generation."

This BSA program flourishes because of the contributions of BSA members' time, financial support, and materials. For example, significant financial donations have been received from Cubellis Associates, Jonathan Levi Architects, and Mark Hutker & Associates; CBT, Graham Meus Architects, and Carol R. Johnson Associates have contributed models, drawings, display boards, plans

and other teaching tools; Kaestle-Boos Associates and Flansburgh Associates are working with us to develop the curriculum we are piloting in two schools; and Michelle Reinstein, Monica Sanchez, Jerome Dixon AIA, and Nicole Groleau, Assoc. AIA are program volunteers.

If you would like to participate in the program or can donate models (even small study models), plans, boards, old architecture/home magazines (for collages), Polaroid cameras or other materials we can use to help schoolchildren develop an appreciation for design, write Polly Carpenter AIA at pollycarp@email.com.

*Cammie Henderson AIA
BSA Commissioner of Social Impact*

It's BBF time!

If you love Boston and if you love design, it is time to lace up your walking shoes and lend you skills as a volunteer guide for Boston By Foot.

Boston By Foot, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, is Boston's — and the nation's — peerless non-profit architectural walking-tour service. Thousands of residents and tourists every year have learned about Boston and its architecture through Boston By Foot guides, among whom are architects, architectural historians, educators, and a broad range of Bostonians in love with the city.

Guides are trained in a five-part informal lecture series beginning on **April 21** with architectural historian Gerald Bernstein focusing on "the colonial city" and subsequent sessions focus on the evolution of the city through the federal and victorian eras and conclude with Earl Flansburgh FALA's examination of contemporary Boston architecture.

The architectural community has a great booster and a great public educator in Boston By Foot. For more information on serving as a guide or simply becoming a member or learning about the lecture series (or even to sign up for one of the tours), call Boston By Foot at 617-367-2345.

BSA tours Australia and beyond

The BSA's continuing program of international architecture tours — now in its 15th year — is in England and France this month, Australia in May (the Sydney Opera House is pictured at right), Italy in September, China in October, India and Tibet in November, and we return once again to Cuba in December. For details on any of these tours, call/write the BSA's tour designer/ administrator, Deborah Castellucci of Architects On Tour, at 888-802-8303/info@architectsontour.com.

2,000 kids are on the way

Last year the architectural community and its allies drew over 2,000 Boston-area children and their families to the Museum of Science for three days of planning, construction and permitting. The event was "KidsBuild 2000" and it was the second effort by BSA members to introduce large numbers of schoolchildren to the wonders of urban design and city planning.

This is a terrific program developed by the BSA almost a decade ago and administered in collaboration with the Museum of Science. Planning is now beginning for KidsBuild 2002 and we need you. This is an amazing amount of fun and an incredibly effective means of elevating public awareness of design and construction.

To learn more about the program and to help us begin planning next year's edition, write/call me at aspadafora@cannondesign.com/617-367-1188.

*Andrea Spadafora AIA, Co-Chair
KidsBuild 2002*

Grants available to boost public design awareness

The Boston Foundation for Architecture (BFA) has issued its 2001 requests for applications, which is designed to elicit proposals for programs that elevate public awareness of planning and design issues, especially among children. Proposals are due on **August 14**.

The engineering community is collaborating once again with the architectural community to increase significantly the funds available for grants this year. The Engineering Center Education Trust and the Foundation initiated this collaboration in 1999. It was an experiment that proved exceptionally successful and the grant-application guidelines this year again underscore the Foundation's interest in programs that address engineering as well as architectural issues.

For a copy of the guidelines, visit the BFA Web site at www.BFAGrants.org; requests for the guidelines also may be directed to bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

*Colin Smith FAIA, Chair
Boston Foundation for Architecture*

New energy code guide available to architects

The "Architect's Guide to the New Energy Code" is a unique new publication developed by BSA member Mark Kalin FAIA and available to everyone through the BSA.

The guide includes text with details, a six-month updating service, and a CD-ROM with details in AutoCAD format.

Subtitled "The New Energy Conservation Requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code," the guide includes the full text of the new Chapter 13 with architectural commentary, the most commonly used wall assemblies that meet the new code (with dew-point calculations), over 80 large-scale construction details, construction specifications on air barriers and exterior wall components, a sample narrative report that must be filed with building permit applications, guidelines for descriptions of new HVAC electrical and lighting systems, etc.

To order the guide, visit the BSA Design Resources & Gifts catalog on the web at www.architects.org (click on "Publications and Resources" then "Resources") or write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221 for a full hard-copy catalog of all publications available from the BSA. The guide is BSA publication #263. (See the related stories on p. 4.)

Another tour option: Bilbao and beyond

As the popularity of the BSA's 15-year-old international architectural tours program continues to grow (see p. 6), the BSA has identified another partner uniquely qualified to administer architecture-oriented tours throughout the world.

The BSA is now working not only with our long-time California partner, Architects on Tour, but also with the New York City-based Archetours, which this year is taking BSA members and friends to Tuscany and Spain in June, Italy and Belgium in July, Berlin in August, Italy again in September, Spain once again in October, and Sicily in November.

Archetours limits its tours to 20 people. For information on any of this year's tours, write/call the BSA at rfitzgerald@architects.org/617-951-1433x232.

What is the most beautiful project built in your town since 1991?

The City of Boston and the BSA annually present the Harleston Parker Award to the designers of the most beautiful project built in the last decade in the 36 cities and towns in the Greater Boston/MDC area.

Everyone reading this sentence is invited to nominate one or more projects in this region for this award. Any building or monument or similar structure is eligible; it does not matter who the architect is or was. The project could be as large as the Hancock Tower or as small as a single-family home in any of the three dozen towns in the MDC region. For some background information and guidelines on the award, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org (or call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org).



A Tuscany cathedral is on the tour

photo: Gail Dornell

Young architects stage month-long "committee crawl"

In an interesting departure from their monthly visits to design firms and project sites, this month the BSA Young Architects Committee members and friends are enjoying a much larger taste of the profession and the BSA by dropping in for breakfast, lunch or after-work refreshments with a number of BSA committees.

All BSA committee chairs have extended a special invitation to Young Architects Committee members and friends to take advantage of this "committee crawl" to get a better feel for the kinds of issues the profession is addressing...and to identify committees in which they may wish to become more intensely involved.

The tour begins on **April 3** at Flansburgh Associates for the Educational Facilities Committee meeting and on **April 4** it's lunch with the Membership Committee and an evening meeting with the AutoCAD Users Group. On **April 9** it's lunch-and-learn at the Indoor Air Quality Committee meeting and an evening of world views with the International Markets Committee. The Committee on the Environment meets on **April 11** at 8:00 am, the Design Software Evaluation Committee follows at noon and the AllPlan Users Group at 6:30 pm. Join the popular Historic Resources Committee on **April 12** at 8:00 am and Regional Design Committee that same day at 6:00 pm in Weston. Urban design issues are discussed at the South Boston Waterfront Task Force meeting on **April 17** at 8:00 am and codes are the topic at the Codes Committee meeting on **April 18** at 8:30 am. The Healthcare Facilities Committee also meets on **April 18** at 5:15 pm.

On **April 19** the Legislative Affairs Committee hosts its monthly breakfast and the Small Firms Practice Committee hosts a lunch meeting. **April 20** is the 8:30 am Housing Committee meeting and DBUG (DataCAD Bostons Users Group) gathers in the evening in Connecticut. The Mid-size Firms Roundtable (noon) and the Building Envelope Committee (4:30 pm) meet on **April 23**. The Design Committee encourages all to come to its **April 24**, 8:00 am meeting. Have lunch on **April 24** with the Human Resources Wizards. The Marketing/PR Wizards meet for breakfast on **April 25** at 8:00 am and Women in Design meets at 6:00 for one its exceptional monthly 'Conversations'. The ArchiCAD Users Group meets on **April 25** at 6:00 pm. The College & University Roundtable meets on **April 26** at 8:30 am. The last stop on the tour is the Urban Design Committee meeting, **April 26** at 6:00 pm at Cambridge Seven Associates.

Most of these meetings are in The Architects Building, the BSA offices in downtown Boston; however, several meet elsewhere and locations are identified on the last page of the ChapterLetter. To confirm or for more details, call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org.

All young designers are urged to take advantage of these invitations from BSA committees; visit one or two or visit all that appear interesting to you. Reservations are required for all lunch meetings to ensure that we order enough lunch (which is free); to make your reservation for a lunch meeting, write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

We look forward to seeing you on the crawl.

*Steve Wonkka, Assoc. AIA, Diane Beckley Miller, Assoc. AIA & Ray Lopolito, Co-Chairs
Young Architects Committee*

Construction Administration is on the line

BSA member Ernest Edwards AIA has started a construction administration discussion group that is establishing a Web site and online discussion. If you are interested in joining this virtual discussion group (and if you have technical knowledge you'd like to share as the group gets started), write/call Edwards at eorae@hotmail.com/978-264-0160.

Electronic AIA Documents ...now available *a la carte*

Have you been waiting for the day when you could have the convenience of AIA Documents in electronic format and pay for only the document you use? You are not alone and the day is here.

The new AIA Electronic Document format allows you to 'pay as you go' for electronic documents. With technology similar to a postage meter, you establish an account that gets debited only when you print finished documents (you can print as many drafts as you like). For those who use large quantities of documents, the annual subscription option is still available.

For a copy of the free CD that includes everything you need to get started, write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

*Tina Erickson
Document Sales Manager*

Are you interested in this?

Which of these issues are of interest to you?

- » Planning and design solutions for interventional procedure rooms
- » Balancing work and play as a women in the profession
- » The indispensable XREF file that accompanies DataCAD 9
- » Indoor air quality in Newton schools
- » Cutting-edge building envelope applications
- » Fishing restrictions in suburban Boston
- » College and university designer-selection processes
- » The design education of schoolchildren
- » The ethics of professional practice
- » The latest proposal for the South Boston Waterfront District
- » BSA dues levels
- » CAD security standards
- » Careers as corporate facility managers
- » Employee benefits in design firms
- » The funding of school building in Massachusetts
- » Opportunities to curate architectural exhibits in Boston
- » 100-year design approaches with appropriate technology
- » Fees for public work
- » The new energy code in effect in Massachusetts
- » The impact of success on the art of architecture
- » 3D fly-by magic in AutoCAD
- » Middle-income housing development in Boston
- » Ending homelessness in Massachusetts
- » Marketing in a boom economy and in one that isn't booming
- » How to manage a mid-size design firm
- » How to develop a business plan for a small firm
- » The preservation of Boston's historic bridges and the preservation of Fenway Park
- » Surviving as an architect working for a public agency
- » Mentoring and IDP assistance for young designers

- » Halting sprawl and enriching smart growth
- » Hobnobbing with State legislators
- » Conducting fee surveys and compensation surveys
- » Working abroad and doing it right/profitably
- » Shaping the City of Boston

That is a summary list of the issues addressed last month by one or more BSA working groups/committees/task forces... and all of them would welcome you to the discussion. For more information on any of these and hundreds of other issues currently being addressed by architects and our allies in the region, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org) and we will make it worth your while.

Robert Brown AIA, President

Some of the players

Pictured here are a few of the BSA committee leaders addressing the issues listed here.



*Bob Humenn AIA
(Healthcare Facilities)*



*Henry Moss AIA
(Historic Preservation)*



*Liviu Brill AIA
(College & University Roundtable)*



*Diane Georgopoulos AIA
(Public-Sector Architects)*



*Estelle Jackson,
Assoc. AIA
(International Work)*



*Deborah Pierce AIA
(Small Firms)*



*Deane Rykerson AIA
(Sustainable Design)*



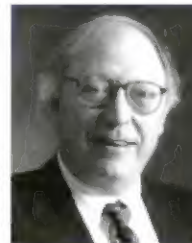
*Evan Shu FAIA
(DataCAD Users)*



*Shelly Ziegleman AIA
(Small Firms)*



*Peter Smith AIA
(Urban Design)*



*John Wilson FAIA
(Homelessness)*



*Lennie Murphy
(Human Resources)*

Finding room for work

"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else." Emily Dickinson

The popular Women in Design Network series of monthly Conversations focuses this month on everyone's favorite dilemma...how to balance work and personal time.

Join us on **April 25** for a conversation about strategies for flexible work arrangements and how they are viewed by firms. We share stories about our own experiences and explore workplace innovations that are making a difference. Come, share your story, and learn.

The conversation begins at 6:00 pm and all are welcome to join us for this free event at The Architects Building, 52 Broad Street Boston. Please RSVP to bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

Ed. note: the Women in Design Network is also the sponsor of Universal Language of Design: A Conference Celebrating Women in Design, the second annual conference sponsored by the Women in Design Network at Build Boston. This year's edition in November includes panel discussions, awards, and an exhibit of work by women. For more details, write widconference@mediaone.net or, at the BSA, njenner@architects.org.

ULI offers "tool kit" for smart growth

The Smart Growth Tool Kit/Community Profiles and Case Studies to Advance Smart Growth Practices is the title of a just published Urban Land Institute (ULI) how to workbook, reference book, and public education tool that ULI hopes will inform practitioners of the tools and development techniques that currently are advancing smart-growth practices across the nation.

This 145-page guide profiles communities such as Atlanta, Austin, Charlotte, Montgomery county in Maryland, and Silicon Valley. It also includes case studies of 19 American communities grouped as examples of infill development, brownfield redevelopment, inner-ring development, and suburban development.

This publication is available from ULI at 800-321-5011 or visit www.uli.org.

*Rebecca Barnes FAIA, Chair
Civic Initiative for A Livable New England*

Closing out projects is now on the agenda

Architects and contractors are coming together in a new working group to develop some best practices recommendations on closing out building projects.

Initiated by Associated General Contractors director Bob Petrucelli and BSA public-policy wizard Russ Feldman, this new working group is focusing on ways to minimize the punchlist and reduce the construction retainer. The group also is determining whether it is wise to focus primarily on public projects or on both public- and private- sector projects.

If you are interested in participating in this conversation, which ideally will lead to significant improvements in the process of closing out building projects, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org).

Looking for Summer interns?

This is the time of year when the BSA begins collecting names and phone numbers of New England design firms that think they may need paid interns during the warm vacation months (May-August).

If you think you may be interested in considering high-school or college interns for the Summer, e-mail Tina Erikson at the BSA (bsa@architects.org) and provide your name, your firm's name and your firm telephone number and e-mail address. We will add you to the list of firms we provide to would-be interns from this country and abroad who are seeking experience in Boston design firms.

Inspector General to be decommissioned?

A January report in The Boston Herald noted that then governor Paul Cellucci intended to eliminate all state funding of the Office of the Inspector General, the anti-corruption apparatus established two decades ago following the Ward Commission report on government fraud in the building industry.

The Inspector General's responsibilities under this plan, as reported by the Herald, would be absorbed by the state auditor, the state attorney general, and legislative oversight committees. The Herald report noted that one administration official described the Inspector General's office as a toothless lion but nevertheless acknowledged that elimination of the office seemed highly unlikely.

Michael Hicks AIA

Drivers and putters swing

Last year there were over 50 BSA members and friends who ended up on the waiting list for the annual BSA Golf Tournament. You can avoid the frustration of that list by marking your calendar now for the 13th Annual BSA Golf Tournament on **June 7**...over 250 industry professionals play each year at the BSA's golf heaven, the Far Corner Golf Course in Boxford.

Register now to beat the rush...and take advantage of one of the many sponsorship opportunities for this singular event.

If you would like to participate, to consider a sponsorship, to spend the day with the BSA staff and members as volunteer organizers or otherwise participate, call/write Alexandra Lee at the BSA (617-951-1433x225/alee@architects.org).

*Kurt Rockstroh AIA, Chair
BSA Golf Tournament*

Calls for Entries: the BSA's 2001 design awards programs

This year the BSA administers several design awards programs:

» **Urban Design** (co-sponsored by AIA New York, this program welcomes urban design projects anywhere in the world by New England and New York architects, landscape architects and professional planners and any design professional anywhere in the world may submit New England or New York projects; deadline is **April 9**)

» **Sustainable Design** (co-sponsored by AIA New York, this program welcomes submissions of any project type anywhere in the world by any design professional anywhere in the world; deadline is **April 30**)

» **Unbuilt Architecture** (any architect, architectural educator, or architecture student anywhere in the world may submit real, academic and/or theoretical projects; deadline is **July 16**)

» **Honor Awards** (the annual BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence, co-sponsored by Poole Professional Ltd. and DPIC, invites submissions of any project of any type anywhere in the world by any Massachusetts architect and any architect elsewhere in the world is invited to submit projects built in Massachusetts; deadline is **August 21**)

The Calls for Entries for all five of these programs are available on the Web at www.architects.org. The guidelines are also available from the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

BSA partners receive 'Currents' exposure

Water & Fire, the importer of European bath furniture and accessories, and AV Associates, Inc., a long-time BSA member and audio/visual consulting firm, join a growing group of BSA members who have benefited from sponsoring 'Currents', the BSA's e-news service.

For details on sponsorship opportunities and to express your comments, critiques and suggestions for BSA's online services, call/write me at 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org.

If you do not receive Currents it is probably because we don't have a current e-mail address for you. Send your e-mail address to Penny Mitchell at pmitchell@architects.org to begin receiving this free service.

*Nancy Jenner, Editor
"Currents"*

So...what did you think?

Last month everyone reading this line and everyone else we could envision should have received not only the recent issue of *ArchitectureBoston* (which arrived with last month's ChapterLetter)...but also the first-ever annual BSA design awards magazine. It is a special issue of *ArchitectureBoston* and it was an attempt by the BSA to bring together all of those projects and designers honored last year in BSA design awards programs.

So...what did you think? Was this a good idea? Should we do it again?

We have heard almost nothing from our readers, our members, our regular critics, or you. Drop me a note at njenner@architects.org and I will make sure that everyone involved in the production of the magazine — and particularly the special annual awards issue — benefits from your comments. We need to hear from you or we may slip into the quicksand of overconfidence.

*Nancy Jenner, Managing Editor
ArchitectureBoston*

Marketing and PR directors gather

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, design-firm marketing and public relation director gather for breakfast at 8:00 am at the BSA to share ideas that enhance architects' marketing efforts. We focus on a specific marketing or public relations issue each month and we invite all design-firm marketing and public relations directors to join us. For more information, write/call Janet Shotwell (oldarch@shore.net) or Anne Johnson (annej@perrydean.com).

Unusual BSA leadership transition is celebrated

At a special celebration last month, BSA members and friends gathered for the inauguration of a new BSA president and a farewell to the last BSA president.



photo: Koby-Anupri



photo: Lisa Cohen

Robert Brown AIA (above right), who had been BSA vice-president and was scheduled to assume the presidency in December, found his inauguration moved up by several months when BSA president **Rebecca Barnes FAIA** (above left) resigned to become the Chief Planner of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Brown will serve the balance of Barnes' term this year and complete his own term next year.

The profession's excitement about having a prominent member of the architectural community named as the first-time chief planner of the city was palpable at last month's celebration, which was hosted in the new offices of CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares, at which Brown is a principal.

Barnes' appointment as Chief Planner by Mayor Tom Menino was hailed last month in a lead editorial in *The Boston Globe* as a wise and significant step for the city. Although she had to resign her seat as BSA president, Barnes continues to chair the Civic Initiative for A Livable New England, the regional planning effort she initiated two years ago.

Brown, the third CBT principal to serve as president of the BSA in the last decade, has been chair of the BSA Design Committee for many years and was the founder of the BSA's national Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards program now in its tenth year (see p. 11).

For more information on this transition and inauguration, write/call rfitzgerald@architects.org/617-951-1433x222.

Richard Kobus AIA, Secretary

Ed. note: See also the Letters on p. 17.

Politically savvy architects honored

The AIA Massachusetts/BSA Legislative Affairs Committee chaired by **George Metzger AIA** was honored in February in Washington DC for our uncommonly successful public-policy victories last year.

In presenting this AIA Component Excellence Award, our colleagues around the country noted specifically the outstanding leadership provided by Metzger's committee in mounting a successful advocacy effort to preserve the existing Massachusetts School Building Assistance program. Committee member **John Nunnari, Assoc. AIA** accepted the award on behalf of the Committee and the Massachusetts architectural profession during a special ceremony at Grassroots, the national annual AIA leadership conference.

Last year was also notable for several other critical victories earned by the Legislative Affairs Committee, which is gearing up for this year's legislative session now. Join Metzger and his colleagues this month for Design Professionals Day on Beacon Hill (see story on p. 4) and also join the Committee for breakfast with our lobbyist on the third Thursday of every month at the BSA at 8:30 am. This is an exciting public-policy trip and we need a few more good architects on the train.

*Robert Brown IIDA, AIA
President*

Want to change things?

The BSA Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of candidates for this year's election of new members of the BSA Board of Directors and new members of the BSA's key elective committees (Ethics, Honors & Awards, Membership, and Nominating). The full slate — which includes at least two candidates for each open seat — will be published in the Fall ballot.

However, if you are interested in running for BSA office and have not been nominated by the Committee, it is not too late. You may put yourself or anyone else who is eligible on the ballot by filing a petition with the BSA with the signatures of not fewer than seven current members. For details on this process, call/write **Richard Fitzgerald** at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org).

Can you win as a petition-nominated candidate? Absolutely; one of our most recent board members did just that.

Robert Brown AIA, President



George Metzger AIA

Lee and Van Meter named to BSA Advisory Council

Trinity Financial's Patrick Lee and Allston-Brighton CDC's Bob Van Meter have been named to the 2001 BSA Corporate Advisory Council.

The Council, conceived by 1994 BSA president Ed Tsoi FAIA, is a unique source of professional, intellectual and financial support for the BSA. Members of the Council meet several times each year with the BSA Executive Committee and past BSA presidents to provide critiques, ideas, suggestions and other professional advice intended to strengthen the architectural professional, the BSA and the industry as a whole.

It is a privilege to welcome Patrick Lee and Bob Van Meter to the Council this year, whose members also include: Stan Durlacher (Carlisle Consulting Group), Gayle Farris (Forest City Commercial Group), Marty Holloran (AHA Consulting), John Messervy AIA (Partners Healthcare), Judy Nitsch P.E. (Judith Nitsch Engineering), Kathy Spiegelman (Harvard University Real Estate), and Gary Vanderweil P.E. (Vanderweil Engineering).

For the BSA, the Council is chaired by former president Michael Hicks AIA and co-chaired by former presidents Peter Kuttner FAIA, Roger Goldstein FAIA, and Ed Tsoi FAIA. For more information on the Council, write/call rfitzgerald@architects.org 617-951-1433x232.

Robert Brown AIA, President

Attorneys and insurance allies support BSA programming

For the past several years, construction attorney David Hatem has been hosting regular practice seminars for design professionals in the Boston area. By focusing on a broad range of firm management, project management and related issues faced by every design firm, Hatem, his colleagues at Burns & Levinson, and insurance advisor Michael Herlihy of Ames & Gough have enabled hundreds of design professionals to negotiate the legal and liability hurdles faced in our practices.

Hatem and Herlihy have also supported the profession by donating the proceeds of these practice seminars to the BSA and to ACEC, our engineering counterpart.

One such donation recently was delivered to the BSA by Ames & Gough's Michael Herlihy and it is a pleasure to acknowledge his and Hatem's continuing commitment to our profession and to the BSA.

Robert Brown AIA, President

Noyes and Shu elected to national AIA College of Fellows

Fred Noyes FAIA (Modigliani/Noyes Architects) and Evan Shu FAIA (Shu Associates) are among the 72 American architects selected this year to the national AIA College of Fellows. This most prestigious of professional honors recognizes extraordinary contributions to design, practice and/or service to the profession, the industry and community.

Noyes, well known in Boston for many reasons, most recently has been praised locally and nationally for his leadership as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Boston Architectural Center.

Shu, who founded and still chairs the DataCAD Boston Users Group affiliated with the BSA, is a nationally respected CAD wizard whose leadership in the field is legendary. He is, among other things, the editor of "Cheap Tricks", the CAD news publication he started and still writes and edits, and he also co-authored one of the BSA's most popular publications of the last decade, "CADD and the Small Firm".

Both of these BSA leaders, who were nominated by the BSA and elected by their peers through a national jurying process, are being inducted into the College of Fellows during the AIA Convention in Denver next month. The BSA, AIA New England, the BAC, GSD, MIT and Wentworth host a special Convention reception to honor these and other Boston-area VIPs at 5:30 pm on May 19 at the Hyatt Regency Denver. Join us in celebrating our colleagues and their achievements.

Robert Brown AIA, President

Do you want or have office space to lease?

In addition to the "space available" section of our Web-based Building Industry Classified listings, the BSA maintains an informal information clearinghouse for architects seeking to sublet space from/to other industry professionals. If you want to share space, sublet, rent a drafting station, etc., call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232.



Fred Noyes FAIA



Evan Shu FAIA

South Boston housing, BSA priorities, and the Civic Initiative head the list

BSA President Robert Brown AIA reports regularly in this column on the actions of the BSA Board of Directors.

At recent monthly meetings of the BSA Board of Directors, we have devoted a good deal of time to addressing this year's policy agenda for the BSA. Specifically:

» We began last month by celebrating the **appointment of former president Rebecca Barnes FAIA** to the role of Chief Planner for the Boston Redevelopment Authority. While Rebecca's appointment also necessitated her resignation as BSA president, this significant commitment by the City to the highest level of professional planning is of inestimable value to all of us who love the City.

» The Board commended the rapid and effective initiative taken by three member firms — **Margulies & Associates, Bruner/Cott, and Arrowstreet** — to respond to the devastating South Boston fire a few months ago that destroyed five triple-decker homes. These three firms and AGC president **Jack Hobbs AIA** responded to the City's request for help in designing and re-building these homes. This tragedy also led former BSA president Rebecca Barnes FAIA to charge the BSA Disaster Advisory Committee chaired by Ron Boretti AIA to develop a long-term BSA policy that will govern responses to tragedies of all kinds in our region.

» Led by former president Rebecca Barnes FAIA at our first two gatherings of the year, the Board identified several **policy priorities** that deserved our attention this year including BSA programs related to diversity in the profession and in the BSA, the significant enhancement of BSA public relations efforts to elevate awareness of the work of BSA committees and other BSA activities of benefit to the community, the enrichment of BSA design awards programs and the promotion of the results of those programs, the expansion of the Civic Initiative for A Livable New England and related BSA activities that have significant impacts on the region, mentoring in the profession, the continued strengthening of our legislative affairs/public policy efforts, the growing and diverse uses of new technologies in our profession, the changing nature of our practices and, of course, the evolution of design as a discipline and a process. For more information on these Board priorities, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org).

» Marc Margulies AIA, appointed several months ago by the Board as the first BSA **Commissioner of**

Urban Design, outlined the plans for the development and shaping of this new Board-level role. The coordination of public comment by BSA members and representatives on urban-design issues, the varying roles of the BSA as facilitator or advocate in the public dialogue surrounding urban design, the development of a BSA library on current and anticipated urban-design issues, and the effective use of the BSA's web site and other electronic tools to lubricate the general discussion of urban design in Boston were among the issues described by Margulies. For more information, Margulies can be reached at margulies@margulies.com.

» **The Civic Initiative for A Livable New England**, a regular focus of discussion at Board meetings, drew special attention recently when Northeastern University offered to host the critical Civic Initiative charrette scheduled for this month (see p. 5). The Board commended former president Rebecca Barnes FAIA for the exceptional leadership she has provided in the development and management of the Civic Initiative and also underscored its appreciation of the significant underwriting support provided for this program by A.J. Martini Inc. General Contractors.

For more information on Board actions, write/call Richard Fitzgerald (rfitzgerald@architects.org) 617-951-1433x232).

Robert Brown AIA, President



Robert Brown AIA

photo: Lisa Cohen

We could have been wiser!

Recently the BSA mailed the "Telephone and E-mail Directory of Architects in Massachusetts" to our members. We just noticed that this pocket-size directory — generously underwritten by The Karsten Company and by Consulting For

Architects — inadvertently omitted BSA Corporate Affiliate member **Wise Construction**. The company's listing should have appeared on page 101 of the directory and we hope you will add it now: Liane Phillips, Wise Construction, phillips@wiseconstruction.com/ 781-721-1100.

To order a copy of this directory of architects' names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses in Massachusetts, visit the Web at www.architects.org (click on "Publications and Resources" then "Resources"); the directory is item #223.

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*The Telephone and E-mail Directory
of Architects in Massachusetts*

Published by the Boston Society of Architects AIA

Adaptive camouflage? Since the dawn of the wireless age, cellular towers have been panned as unattractive and inappropriate in any community. The National Trust for Historic Preservation believes that need not be the case. "Locating Telecommunications Towers in Historic Buildings" is the title of a new Trust publication that details the process of bringing cellular equipment inside existing structures such as department stores, lookout towers, and churches. The Trust cites the example of a Vermont church that could not afford to repair its Greek Revival building until CellularOne offered to place its telecommunications tower inside the church steeple and to cover the cost of the repairs. The repairs were done and the telecommunications tower lurks invisibly in the church steeple. Want to know more? Visit www.preservationbooks.org/202-588-6296.

"Green" roofs are taking root. Rooftops covered by earth and vegetation, popular in Northern Europe according to PSMJ Resources, are growing in popularity in this country with Chicago's City Hall setting an example. The waterproofing, drainage and thermal and acoustic insulation properties of "green" roofs, according to PSMJ, may surpass those of traditional roofing. Such organic roofs also can reduce energy costs and, of course, can convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and filter a large percentage of the pollutants dissolved in rain water.

Dreams of Freedom is an interactive museum in Boston that tells the story of the city's immigration history. It opened last year and, according to a report in *The Boston Globe*, residents and tourists have yet to discover this jewel. It is an interactive museum, a state-of-the-art facility located on Milk Street near Downtown Crossing. Drop in.

The bridges are falling down. A recent federal study reported in *The Boston Globe* details a road system in Massachusetts and Rhode Island that includes bridges too weak, dilapidated or overburdened for their current traffic. The report also noted that an Associated Press computer analysis of stories of bridges with falling concrete or weak supports around the country reveal that Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Hawaii had the worst records of such deficiencies.

Context-sensitive design (CSD) is a new national highway transportation label describing an interdisciplinary method of developing transportation solutions that are actually appropriate to their physical surroundings. PSMJ Resources reports that the Federal Highway Administration has a special Web site addressing this federal initiative at www.fhwa.dot.gov/csd/new.htm.

A national marketing opportunity. The national office of the AIA has issued its call for pre-

sentations for next year's national AIA Convention in Charlotte (May 9-11, 2002). The deadline for proposals is June 18 of this year. For a copy of the guidelines, write/call Emily Cole at ecole@aia.org/202-626-7445.

A codes newsletter is available on line from The Sullivan Code Group in Boston. One recent issue focused on the new Massachusetts energy code, the 7th edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (the production of which is now under way), the extensive work of the BSA Codes & Regulations Committee, and a two-page summary of state building code amendments. For a subscription to this on-line newsletter, write BSA Codes & Regulations Committee chair Vernon Woodworth AIA at avw@rwsullivan.com.

The Urban Ring is the subject of the recent Winter edition of the MBTA newsletter, which focuses on the vision for the urban ring, the proposed implementation steps, the organization of buses and the rail elements, etc. The MBTA is also offering presentations on the Urban Ring; call 617-492-4996 or visit www.mbta.com.

Brownfields, school modernization and TRAC are the issues the national AIA legislative group is focusing on this year. The redevelopment of brownfields throughout the nation, the broad need for school modernization, and TRAC (the Truthfulness, Responsibility, and Accountability in Contracting Act, which would freeze the award of government contracts and prevent the use of private-sector resources by federal agencies) are the very significant issues BSA leaders and AIA Massachusetts leaders focused on in a special series of visits to our Senators and Representatives in Washington in February. For details on these national legislative issues, write/call govaffs@aia.org/202-626-7403.

"Designing and Constructing Public Facilities" is the revised 2000 edition of the Massachusetts Inspector General's report on legal requirements, recommended practices, and sources of assistance for those designing and building public facilities in Massachusetts. The report focuses on design/bid/build, design/build and other project-delivery methods, the designer-selection process, the planning stage, the design stage, construction bidding, the construction stage, procuring modular construction and a good deal more. This publication may be downloaded from the Web at www.state.ma.us/ig or can be purchased from the State Book Store at 617-727-2834. A reference copy is in the BSA Members Library.

"Christmas in April" is the local branch of the national volunteer effort to rehabilitate the homes of low-income home owners — particularly the elderly, physically challenged, and families with children. It

BCDC wants to hear from you

The Boston Civic Design Commission, which reviews major development proposals in Boston, regularly holds its public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings are at 5:15 pm in the Kane Simonian Room (the BRA Board Room) on the 9th floor of Boston City Hall; meetings are open to the public. Take a seat...and a stand.

is a terrific program in Boston and seeks volunteers as well as donors. For more information, call 617-296-0058.

Do you do federal work? If you do, you may wish to take advantage of the new electronic version of the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). "CBD Access", as it is called, offers official contract opportunity and award announcements in a format that can be customized by FSC codes. For details, call 888-287-2223.

Fee-bidding for design professionals is a major mistake. That is the position taken by consultant John Bachner in a new booklet titled "Purchasing the Services of Engineers, Architects, and Environmental Professionals." As an advocate of qualifications-based selection (QBS), Bachner argues forcefully against fee-bidding, which he describes as a disservice to the client as well as the design professional. The booklet asks and answers 21 of the most common questions about these issues, questions such as: "Who in his right mind would select a design firm without considering its fee?" For ordering information on this booklet, which you probably would want to share with your clients, call 301-589-9181.

The Access Board seeks architects. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is currently seeking two architects to be appointed by Gov. Paul Cellucci to serve on the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, the state agency responsible for ensuring that public buildings are safe and useable for people with disabilities as required by law. The Board meets every other Monday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is a critical role for the design profession and if you are interested in being considered, you are encouraged to write to Lorraine Greiff, Mass. Office on Disability, Room 1305, One Ashburton Place, Boston 02108.

Are your writing skills hurting your firm? Stephen Kliment FAIA, who saw much of our writing as former editor of Architectural Record, recently published *Writing for Design Professionals/A Guide to Writing Successful Proposals, Letters, Brochures, Portfolios, Reports, Presentations and Job Applications*. It's available from the BSA. To order, download the list and order form at www.architects.org and click on "Publications and Resources", then click on "Resources" (it is item #206)...or write/call the BSA to request one be faxed or mailed to you (bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221).

Fee-setting strategies and client negotiations are explored in several recent articles assembled by the BSA. New fee strategies, a "quick and easy guide" to three fee-setting methods, negotiation realities, how to raise fees, A/E selection, designing for profit and avoiding costly contract terms are among the issues addressed in this collection of articles. To

order the packet (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE to Fee Strategies/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE.

Are you liable for inaccurate cost estimates? The increasing legal risks posed by negligent cost estimates, the relationship of cost estimates to client-retention, and guidelines from the American Society of Professional Estimators are the subjects of a packet of article reprints available from the BSA. For copies (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 55¢ SASE to Cost Estimating/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 55¢ SASE.

BSA partnering service works. Several years ago, the BSA developed a partnering consulting service for BSA member firms and others with an interest in partnering and related organizational management skills. This BSA service is provided by Dr. William Ronco, the founding principal of Gathering Pace Inc., who has over 15 years of experience working with organizational team and communications issues in the building industry. Ronco is also the author of the *Partnering Manual for Design and Construction*, which is available through the BSA. For a two-page description of the BSA's "Organization Team Building and Partnering Consulting Service," call 617-951-1433x221 or call Ronco directly at 781-275-2424.



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Hail Rebecca !

Congratulations to Rebecca Barnes FAIA on her appointment as Chief Planner for the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Rebecca is uniquely qualified for the position and will be a credit to the professions of architecture and planning...She continues to be a true leader and an example for many to follow.

*Richard Hobbs FAIA, Resident Fellow
American Institute of Architects, Washington DC*

Sharing the jubilation

The single most widely shared sentiment about Boston at this moment is one of excitement. Every day since the announcement of my appointment as Chief Planner at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, someone has said to me, "This is an exciting time for Boston". I take this to be an expression of satisfaction with Boston's general direction and of optimism about what Boston can do, provide and become.

The BSA membership is active and engaged — many of you have played important roles in moving Boston to this auspicious point in its history. You are designers and planners whose buildings and places suit Boston's needs. You are clients and public officials and building industry leaders responsible for protecting and shaping our unique environment. You are active, engaged citizens who make and influence choices and decisions investing public and private resources in the growing communities of Boston's changing region. Boston's excitement is the result of your commitment.

As recent president of the BSA, I have been proud to represent you and your good works, to benefit from your good ideas, and to carry them forward with a sense of mission and direction so that the BSA's programs are focused and effective. Thank you for this opportunity.

To ensure that the BSA continues to be served by strong, effective leadership, and that the City's planning receives my full attention, Robert Brown AIA, principal of CBT, has abbreviated his term as BSA Vice-President/President-elect in order to step up to become perhaps the BSA's longest-serving president. Welcome, Robert, and thank you.

My thanks also go to BSA Executive Committee members Jim Dunn, CPA (BSA treasurer and principal of Goody, Clancy & Associates) and Rick Kobus AIA (BSA secretary and principal of Tsou/Kobus & Associates), as well as the ever-stellar BSA staff, for their support, encouragement and enthusiasm for this transition period. There won't be any missed beats with this band.

We will continue to work together in many forms, old and new, to build Boston and the excitement about it. I look forward to discovering what we can achieve and to sharing the jubilation.

*Rebecca G. Barnes FAIA, Chief Planner
Boston Redevelopment Authority*

Selecting architects for clients

In the February issue of the ChapterLetter, there was an article about Jim Crissman FAIA, an architect who works with institutional and other clients to help them identify and select architects for their building projects. I have several clients who I think would benefit from such assistance but it is not clear how to refer them to Crissman. Please advise.

C. Hudson James AIA, Boston

Ed. note: Several BSA members and other readers asked this same question. Crissman can be reached directly at 617-923-3010 or jcrissman@gsd.harvard.edu.

Women in Design

"The Universal Language of Design" is the theme of the Second Annual Woman in Design Conference, Awards Program and Exhibit at Build Boston in November. This year's conference encompasses communications in global practice and the design process. The focus is on negotiations, collaborative design, international housing prototypes, and education.

Your firm or company has an opportunity to sponsor the Conference. Sponsorship puts the name of your firm in front of many professionals and multi-disciplinary professional associations that are part of the BSA's Women in Design Network. The first edition of this event last year drew over 150 professionals and the numbers this year will easily surpass that. The leadership, generosity and support of last year's sponsors was noted by everyone and appreciated.

If you would like to be part of the sponsorship effort and would like more details, write us at WIDconference@mediaone.net or write/call Nancy Jenner at the BSA (njenner@architects.org) 617-951-1433x227).

*Wendy Riggs-Smith AIA, Gretchen Von Grossman RA, AICP, and
Joie Watson, Co-Chairs
Women in Design Conference*

Honoring women

The Second Annual Women in Design Conference, Awards Program and Exhibit in November will be honoring women who have designed their own lives in design, whose work exemplifies the best of process and product, and who use their positions of achievement to "give back" to the world of design and to the community at large. Readers are urged to nominate one or more women you admire in the design professions and to do that now!

All women in the design professions are also encouraged to begin thinking about work you would like to see included in the Conference exhibit at Build Boston. The Call for Entries will be published in June.

While you are thinking about this, join us at our Women in Design Network planning evenings on April 3 or May 1, both at 5:30 pm at the BSA... or write/call Nancy Jenner at the BSA today (617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org).

*Rebecca G. Barnes FAIA, Member
Women in Design Network*

Small firms

Recently I joined the Small Firms Practice Committee for lunch...the food was great...Most of all, I enjoyed the lively conversations with architects and other design professionals. The BSA's Small Firms Practice Committee consistently presents excellent programs geared to our needs as sole practitioners and small firms. The Committee also provides valuable opportunities for networking and for sharing our expertise. My thanks to the Committee's volunteer leadership and to all at the BSA who make so many good programs possible.

*Corky Binggeli ASID
Arlington MA*

Ed. note: Small Firms Practice Committee co-chairs Deborah Pierce AIA and Shelly Ziegelman AIA invite all small-firm architects to join them at the BSA for the Committee's practice roundtables and lunch on the third Thursday of each month (see p. 9).

Building community

Today individualism has gone to an extreme. There are positive things about individualism but the downside is the loss of the sense of community, the feeling of being part of something greater (the community of man). The traditional American barn-raising is the classic example of a community that comes together. In general, communities support one another. Today people are stuck in front of TV screens or computer screens and are disengaged from their communities. If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to sustain an adult. What can be done? We can rebuild cities and towns, create bicycle and foot paths, reduce the destructive influence of cars, promote public transportation, promote community/group living and sharing of facilities, develop more public meeting places, bring back the porch, open up schools... If you are interested in exploring the need to reconnect, please write/call me at nickvanm@yahoo.com or 617-738-6559.

*Nicholas van Minnen
Brookline*

Competitions/Awards/Grants



BSA Design Awards programs (see p. 11)...**Travel/study grants** for young designers; 4/9 deadline; Architectural League of New York, www.archleague.org...**College planning awards**; April deadline; www.scup.org or jeff@sizeofmeford.com...**Build Mass.**; AGC awards program; 6/27 deadline; 781-235-2680...**Historic preservation grants**; Mass. Historical Commission/ \$300,000; 617-727-8470 or www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc...**Predevelopment Assistance Program** funds to support early-stage economic development projects in Mass.; rolling deadlines; 800-445-8030 (Mass. Development Finance Agency)...**Victorian-era buildings awards** (exteriors or interiors), public places, open spaces, etc.; Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd., Brighton MA 02135...**AIA Honors & Awards** programs including the Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, AIA College of Fellows, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture, Young Architects Citation, Library Building Awards, Institute Honors, Architecture Firm Award, Henry Bacon Medal, Topaz Medallion for Education, Brick in Architecture Awards, Interior Architecture Awards, Concrete Masonry Design Awards, Cedar Design Awards, etc.; deadlines vary; 617-951-1433x221 (ask for the Annual Awards Schedule)...**Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship** program; annual AIA/AAF Scholarships; 202-626-7511 (Mary Felber)...Aga Khan Award, Program Procedures, 32 chemin des Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland (\$500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...**Student competitions**; programs & deadlines vary; 202-626-7472 (AIAS); 212-924-7000 (NIAE); 202-785-2324x2 (ACSA/Wood Products Council); DuPont Benedictus Design Competition; 202-628-0448 (ACSA)...**Fulbright grants** for architects and urban planners; www.iie.org/cies; 202-686-4000 (fax 202-362-3442)...**NEA design project grants** and individual grants/fellowships (up to \$20K) for designers; 202-682-5437...**The MacDowell Colony residency** for architects; 1/15, 4/15 & 9/15 seasonal deadlines; www.macdowellcolony.org/603-924-3886...**Peace Corps** assignments throughout the world; rolling deadlines; <http://www.peacecorps.gov>...For details on the American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship and numerous AIA-related fellowships and scholarships for minorities/disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research and other purposes, including the RTKL Traveling Fellowship, call 202-626-7429.

Workshops/Conferences



Civic Initiative charrette, 4/27-29; BSA program on smart growth; 617-951-1433 x225/alee@architects.org; see also p. 5...**Build Boston 2001**; 11/13-15; 200 workshops/award-winning designs exhibit/350 product exhibits/ 12,000 design & construction professionals; workshop proposals due 4/2; www.buildboston.com 800-544-1898...**Intro to Mass. Building Code**; 4/12-5/17; BAC, 617-585-0203...**Contemporary Euro-pean landscape design** symposium; 4/19-21; GSD, 617-495-0647...**Crafts workshops** at Snow Farm, Williamsburg MA; Apr-Oct; 413-268-3101...**Cultural Landscape Studies** program; Arnold Arboretum; science & land management (4/12), community preservation in Mass. (4/26), regional planning (5/3), bridging communities along the Neponset River (5/9), urban rivers (5/16), reclaiming rivers (5/23); icls@arnarb.harvard.edu 617-524-1718x175...**Corporate realty/ design/ management** workshops; 4/27, Boston; 800-452-4480...**Business Leaders Forum**, 5/2, Boston; IIDA workshop; 978-897-0474 (Nadine Yates)...**Zoning clinics**; every Tuesday, 9am-noon; Boston Plans & Zoning Unit, 1010 Mass. Ave., Boston...**Land policy workshops**; land valuation, urban universities as land owners/ developers, land market cycles, land use in America, comprehensive planning, European spatial planning; Feb-May; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 617-661-3016x127/help@lincolnst.edu...**Urban Management** degree program; 3/14-12/14, Domus Academy, Milan; maurban@domus.it...**Historic preservation** courses; Campbell Center, Illinois; May-Oct; 815-244-1173...Northeastern University Center for Continuing Education **Building Design and Management** courses; 617-320-8000...Wentworth Institute of Technology **professional and continuing studies** programs; 617-442-9010x446...**BAC continuing ed.** programs (Jan-May); 617-585-0101...Jewish Vocational Service **career, job-hunting** and related workshops; 617-965-7940...Women's Educational and Industrial Union **career services workshops** and other services on job-hunting and other career issues; 617-536-5657...BU Program for **Real-Estate Studies**; 617-353-3013.

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours



BSA exhibits (see pp. 2 & 3)...**BSA design tours** (see pp. 6 & 7)...**MIT Lecture Series**: Ann Pendleton-Jullian (4/3), Herman Hertzberger (4/10), Elaine Sturtevant (4/24); 617-253-4411/soa@mit.edu...**GSD lectures**: Mack Scogin FAIA & Merrill Elam FAIA (4/4), Sebastien Marot (4/19), Thom Mayne (4/25), Bruce Mau (5/2); **exhibitions**: Contemporary European Landscape Design (4/19-5/24); Commencement

Exhibition (6/4-8/15); 617-495-4784...**Lincoln Institute** land-policy lectures: recent Colombian experience with value capture (4/9); economic performance and the shape of the city (5/14); help@lincolnst.edu 617-661-3016x127...**Islamic Architecture** lecture on urban development and patronage; 4/23; Aga Khan Program at MIT; 617-253-1400/akpiarch@mit.edu...**Freedom Trail** tours (Apr-Nov; 617-242-5642)...**Northeastern exhibit**: Doug Dolezal (4/4-27); **lectures** — Doug Dolezal (4/5) Jerold Kayden (5/3), Mike McKinnell FAIA (5/10); www.architecture.neu.edu 617-373-2347...**Roddy Langmuir lecture**; 4/4, the Gordon School, Providence; 401-434-3833x118...**Breuer exhibit**; through 4/8; MIT List Center; 617-253-9480...**Crafts-oriented tours**; Italy, Ireland, Spain, Nepal, etc.; 413-549-2900/horizons@horizons-art.org...SPNEA programs and **Gropius House tours** (year-round); 617-227-3956...MIT Museum exhibit of the work of **Doc Edgerton**; 617-253-4405...**Historic architectural drawings** exhibit at the Library of Congress; 800-551-7328...**"The Four Shapes of Boston"** a slide-lecture on Boston's architectural history available to rent (with speaker); 617-367-2345...**Art & architecture tours** of the BPL; 617-536-4000x212...**Black Heritage Trail** (year-round; 617-742-5415).

Community/Professional Opportunities



Design professionals and others interested in the future of this region are invited to the Civic Initiative for A Livable New England's regional charrette, April 27-29; write/call alee@architects.org 617-951-1433x225 (see pp. 2 & 5)...**"Learning By Design** in Massachusetts"; BSA partnership with school-based program; architects encouraged to call/write 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org (see p. 6)...**BSA members** wanted for *Boston Globe* column; call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232...**Design professionals** sought for Boston Learning Society seminars in Needham; 781-453-9800...**Teachers/ Practitioners**: the BAC is seeking instructors in the decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/ electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures (many of these related to the A.R.E.); 617-536-3170 x258...The Boston Museum of Science is looking for professionals to **teach problem-solving**, computer applications, your favorite interdisciplinary topics, and a variety of other courses; call 617-589-0364 (Brent Jackson)...Wentworth Institute is seeking **constructive and compassionate architects** to serve as design critics; call Herb Fremin at 617-442-9010x425.

A schedule of annual BSA, AIA New England, & national AIA design awards programs is available on the very cool BSA Web site at www.architects.org (click on "News and Events", then "Honors and Awards") call 617-951-1433x221 or write bsa@architects.org.

"Competitions" magazine reports regularly on design competition results; for a subscription, call 502-451-3623.

People

Henry Moss AIA and **Pamela Hawkes AIA** were the guest speakers at the recent public forum commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Boston Landmarks Commission...**Goody, Clancy & Associates'** "Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights" developed by a team led by **David Dixon FAIA** was featured recently in a special BAC exhibit...**CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares** has moved to 110 Canal St., Boston 02114; 617-262-4354/www.cbtarchitects.com...**HMFH's** design of Somerville's Healey School was honored in the March issue of *Learning by Design* and by the AASA/AIA/CEFP; **Steve Friedlaender FAIA** was the guest speaker at the recent Boston meeting of independent school leaders...**Toimides Associates'** design of the Atrium at Cedars retirement community in Maine has received numerous honors including the "Gold Award" at the International Builders Show in Atlanta in February...**Paul Lukez Architecture's** residential design in Falmouth for a visually impaired client was featured on The Discovery Health Channel in January and the firm's Kadis Residence was featured recently in *The Boston Globe*...**Einhorn Yaffee Prescott** has announced that Spyros Contoyannis P.E. has joined the firm's Boston office as Principal of the Mission Critical Facilities Group...**Symmes Maini & McKee** has announced that Bruce Rhoades IIDA and Peter Lukacic ASLA have been named Associates of the firm...**Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott** has announced that Bill Colchower AICP has joined the firm as a Senior Associate and education planner...**Sasaki Associates** has announced that David Stone IIDA has joined the firm as Senior Interior Designer...**S E A Consultants** has promoted **Thomas Huf AIA** to Associate Partner and stockholder...**Charles Clutz AIA** was recently the guest speaker on architectural acoustics for the New Hampshire chapter of the American Guild of Organists...**Koetter Kim & Associates** has named Steve Keyser an Associate Principal, **Ed Hodges AIA** a Senior Associate, and **Giles Moore RIBA** and **Kenneth Hartfiel AIA** are new Associates; the firm also has welcomed **Tim Gende** (graphic designer) and **Kay Tanfield** (marketing coordinator); the firm's work is currently on exhibit in Yale's Main and South Galleries and **Fred Koetter FAIA** presents a gallery talk on April 9 at 5:30 pm...Several BSA members are featured speakers/panelists at the national AIA Convention in Denver next month including **Wilson Pollock FAIA**, **Chuck Heuer FAIA**, **Scott Simpson FAIA**, **Dusty Reeder FAIA**, **Tim Twomey AIA**, **Frank Stasiowski FAIA**, **Richard Moore AIA**, **Paul LeVeille, Assoc. AIA**, **Phil Valence, Affil. BSA**, **Jean Valence, Affil. BSA**, and **Joanne Linowes, Affil. BSA**...**The Stubbins Associates'** design of the Venetian Casino Resort in Las Vegas was

Tim Anderson FAIA

J. Timothy (Tim) Anderson FAIA died in February. Anderson was recognized as the "father" of the national adaptive reuse movement. *The Boston Globe* noted, with his recycling of the former Prince Spaghetti building into creative new housing, which initiated the redevelopment of Boston's Atlantic Avenue waterfront. Anderson received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in architecture from Harvard GSD, where he also was a legendary captain of the Harvard football team in 1955. Anderson received numerous design awards during his career including the 25th Anniversary Preservation Award from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and several national AIA awards for historic renovation. Anderson was one of the authors of the pioneering sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code that encourage the renovation of existing structures, provisions that have now been adopted by most building codes nationally. Among his Massachusetts projects are: the restoration and adaptive reuse of Boston's Old City Hall, which was the first privately funded restoration project in the nation; the masterplan for Newburyport's historic Market Square project, which was the nation's first successful historic downtown redevelopment through urban renewal; the Tannery, in Peabody, the first industrial complex in the nation to be recycled into housing for low- and moderate-income persons (the Tannery was also the first adaptive reuse housing project to be funded by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency); the Central Grammar School Apartments, in Gloucester, the first surplus urban school to be recycled into low- and moderate-income elderly housing; the Malkin Athletic Center at Harvard; and the masterplan for the Charlestown Navy Yard. Anderson was a principal of Platt Anderson Freeman Associated Architects in Cambridge and earlier was a founding principal of Anderson Notter Finegold Architects in Boston.



featured recently in *Archi-Tech* magazine...**Carter & Burgess** has named Dennis Julian P.E. its group manager in the Boston Facilities Unit...**Gorman Richardson Architects** welcomes Vince Mattock (project coordinator), Michael MacPherson (designer), Sarida Kamolratanaipiboon (interior designer) and has promoted Anthony Boisvert, Joseph D'Ottavio, **Dennis Ingham, Assoc. AIA**, **Matthew Picone, Assoc. AIA** and **Scott Sancomb** (assistant project managers) and **William Wolpert, Assoc. AIA** (job captain); the firm has also recently been honored by the Metrowest Chamber of Commerce for its uncommon success as a fast-growing business...**Mark Hutter & Associates** has named Philip Regan a principal of the

Robert Schumacher AIA

Robert Le Beau Schumacher AIA of Cambridge, formerly a building construction educator at Wentworth, died at 75 in February. While at Harvard, Schumacher was one of the 40 college students to gather at the flagpole park near Harvard Square to volunteer for military service during World War II and, according to *The Boston Globe*, was one of only four members of that group to survive the war. He returned to Harvard to earn his undergraduate degree in architecture and later worked with his father, also an architect, designing public housing. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the Air Force and worked in military intelligence. In 1965, he joined the Charles T. Martin Corp. where he remained until 1976. He also worked for Maginnis Walsh & Kennedy and was responsible for much of the interior artistic design work for The National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Boston and worked on cathedrals in Baltimore and New York City. He joined Wentworth in 1979 and inaugurated the first course in building construction in New England.



Joseph Welch AIA has been named an Associate Partner at Taylor & Partners

firm...**Design Management Corp.** has announced that **Christopher Spiewak, Assoc. AIA** has joined the firm as director of technology and project manager; the firm also welcomes **Mary Gallagher** (project designer), **Kerie Morrison-Logan** (a new principal) and **Paul Bernotas** (a new associate)...In recent issues of the *Boston Sunday Herald*, architecture critic **David Eisen** writes about the **Machado and Silveti** proposal for Harvard's One Western Ave. residential project in Allston and **Renzo Piano's** proposal for a museum in Cambridge...In a recent issue of *Banker & Tradesman*, architecture critic **Jeff Stein AIA** offers and extensive review of the "Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights in Boston" prepared for the city by **David Dixon FAIA** and his colleagues at **Goody, Clancy & Associates**; in other recent issues, *B & T* carried reports on **Goody, Clancy's** plan for an office research center on Route 128 in Needham, the mixed-use development projects designed by **Jay Verspycht AIA** and **Terry**

Kenyon AIA of **Rothman Partners**, and profiled **Arturo Vasquez**

AIA's development of a master-plan for Allston-Brighton, a project he has undertaken with his students at the BAC...In recent issues of *The Boston Globe*, **Robert Campbell FAIA** reports on Boston developer **Richard Friedman's** appointment by President Bush as the new leader of the National Capital Planning Commission in Washington DC, the 90 Mount Auburn Street project in Harvard Square being designed by **Hans Hollein** in association with



Don Deng AIA has been promoted to Principal at SBA/Steffian Bradley Associates



TRO/The Ritchie Organization has elected four new associates (above, left to right): Jennifer MacNeil (marketing director), Dennis Stone (engineering project manager), Page Christman (graphics director) and Matthew Dunn CSI/CCCA (construction administrator)

Nicholas Wagner AIA

Nicholas Wagner AIA, a senior project architect at SMMA/Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, passed away suddenly in January. Wagner, who also had worked at



Kallmann McKinnell & Wood, was born in Cleveland and earned his professional degree at the University of Texas. He also earned a degree in printmaking at Colorado State University before coming to Boston. Nick was creative, altruistic, and passionate about his causes, noted his colleagues at SMMA, and he enjoyed sailing, music, graphic design and art. At a memorial service in February, Robert Kramer FAIA, a Senior Associate at SMMA, spoke eloquently of Nicholas: "...It was wonderful to glimpse the large life Nick lived beyond the office — with valued friends, family, and a strong spiritual thrust — and always with the humor and the quirky energy that Nick contributed to our own work".

Bruner/Cott, the new arcade designed for Boston's City Hall Plaza by **Chan Krieger & Associates**, and the new Spangler Center designed for the Harvard Business School by Robert Stern FAIA. In other recent issues, the *Globe* highlights the work of **Bruner/Cott** on a proposed new office tower on A Street in South Boston's new Waterfront District and also published a letter from **Peter Papesch AIA** on rail transportation; *The Boston Globe Magazine* recently featured the residential work in Cambridge of **John Catlin & Associates**. **Ellenzweig Associates** has named **Gregory Berndt AIA** and **Donald (Chuck) Cook** new Senior Associates and **Peter Pogorski AIA** a new Associate; the firm's design of the Naito Chemistry Building at Harvard was featured in the December issue of *l'Arca*, the Italian architecture journal.

New Work

Goody, Clancy & Associates' current and recent work includes the new MIT Neuroscience Center (Charles Correa Associates is the consulting architect), the study design for the new Holyoke Community College technology building, exterior restoration of the New Old South Church, and renovation of the Arlington Street Church sanctuary. **HMFH's** current and recent work includes two buildings for the New Jewish High School of Greater Boston's new campus in Waltham, two new elementary schools in Lowell, and additions to and renovations of Chelsea High School. **Tsoi/Kobus & Associates** is designing a new medical education center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and a new production facility for Associates of Cape Cod. **George A. Roman & Associates** has completed

design of a new telecommunications building in Cambridge for NEESCOM. **Mark Hutter & Associates** is designing the new Head of School house for Middlesex School in Concord MA. **BPG/Bluestone Planning Group** is preparing neighborhood designs and guidelines for New Urbanist housing communities for the Omaha Housing Initiative and California State University in Long Beach. **William Wilson Associated Architects** is programming, planning and designing a new technology complex for the sciences/engineering/technology services at the University of Hartford. **Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott** is designing a new student center and learning commons for the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, a new "front door" building for the Medical College of Virginia Hospital campus in Richmond, and is part of the team selected by McGill University Health Centre in Montreal to complete a programming initiative to move five merged Montreal hospitals into one integrated healthcare campus. **S E A Consultants** is providing A/E services for the renovation of the Harvey Wheeler Community Center in Concord, a new city service center for the City of Everett DPW, an addition to the youth services facility in Westfield for DCAM, two new helicopter maintenance facilities for the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Army National Guards, and — with **Butler Bennett Architects** as the library consulting architect and public-safety consulting architect, respectively — the renovation of the Sharon High School for town/school/library offices and the renovation of the old Town Hall and design of a new police station in Palmer. **Gorman Richardson Architects** is designing the Crane Meadow condos assisted-living community in Marlboro and — for EMC Corp. — a light-manufacturing and office building in Franklin and the masterplan for a new campus in Bellingham. **Flansburgh Associates**, in association with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, is providing design and site-selection planning services for a new regional high school for the Manchester Essex Regional School District. **Symmes Maini & McKee's** current work includes revision of its own earlier space-use study and masterplan for Saint Joseph's College of Maine, campus planning and site design (with **Keefe Associates**) for the expansion of Roxbury Latin, adaptive reuse of a former Sylvania manufacturing site in Danvers for the Sylvan Business Center, interior fit-up at 1200 Crown Colony in Quincy for State Street, planning and site design for a tribute to Pembroke College on the Brown campus, and is the associated architect (with Steven Ehrlich Architects) on a Lyme Properties lab in Kendall Square and (with Weddle-Gilmore Architects) a new Polo Ralph Lauren store on Newbury Street. **Ellenzweig Associates** is designing the University of Chicago's new Interdivisional Research Building, an

addition to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Abramson Pediatric Research Center, and new facilities for Clark University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts including the renovation of a 19th-century schoolhouse and a new performance hall. **TAMS Architecture** is on the Parsons Brinckerhoff team working on the final design of the expansion of and renovations to the Central Garage at Logan Airport.

Corporate Affiliates

A.J. Martini General Contractors, the primary underwriter and sponsor of the BSA's "Civic Initiative for A Livable New England" (see p. 5), has announced the establishment of Martini Northern with offices in Portsmouth NH led by president Peter Middleton; the firm's current work includes renovation of the dome and skylight of Building #7 at MIT with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, a portion of the Beacon Capital Partners Midway Block project in South Boston with Bruner/Cott, and a new office building at the New England Business Center in Andover with Spagnolo/Gisness. **Hill & Barlow Attorneys** has announced that Charles Dougherty has been named Managing Partner of the firm, Brian Lenihan and Daniel Winston have been elected to membership in the firm, and Marilyn Chenault Minor has joined the firm as Executive Director. **Charrette** has announced that Mark DiPasquale and Larry Salomon have both been promoted to the position of Division President of Charrette ProGraphics and Charrette Products, respectively; the company has also announced a strategic partnership agreement with FileFlow Inc., the developer of "the world's fastest and most secure" delivery and storage system for digital image workflows across the Internet (the service now becomes the file-transfer engine behind Charrette's on-line digital print manager). **Carol R. Johnson Associates** has announced several promotions: Chris Jones and Tom Doolittle have been named Principals; Kathy Bradford, Nancy Stack and Kyle Zick have been named Senior Associates; Eric Lucas and Jon Pate are new Associates; and new Senior LAs include Deborah Elliott, Richard Gilbert, Jeannine Haendiges, Achim Muller, Adam Nicklin, and Hongbing Tang. **Shawmut Design and Construction** has completed work on The Hard Rock Cafe's new retail location at Universal Studios in Orlando and has completed interior and exterior restoration of University Hall at Harvard; Joseph Roach has joined the company as a senior estimator. **Elaine Construction** is renovating Winston Flowers' facility in Newton with Techler Design Group and is providing CM services for the renovation of space at MIT's Chemical and Polymer Lab with Linea 5, renovation of Liberty Mutual's office in Weston with Cubellis Associates and renovations of Sovereign Bank's 75 State Street offices. **Suffolk Construction** is



Robert Miklos FAIA has joined Ann Beha Architects as a principal of the firm



Suzanne Rivitz AIA (above) has been named a Senior Associate at Flansburgh Associates, which has also named Peter Lambert new Director of Finance and Ann Berman AIA, Christopher Brown AIA, David DeFilippo AIA and Daniel Tuberty AIA have been named new Associates



James Moses AIA has been promoted to Senior Architect at William Wilson Associated Architects

photo: Jim Spirakis

photo: Handerson Studio



Tsomides Associates designed this skylit lap and therapy pool pavilion as part of its work for the Carleton-Willard Village Health Clinic & Pool Pavilion/Wellness Center in Bedford; Linbeck/Kennedy & Rossi was the CM... photo by Hutchins Photography

TRO/The Ritchie Organization is designing the first phase of the masterplan for the Swedish-American Health System (above) in Illinois



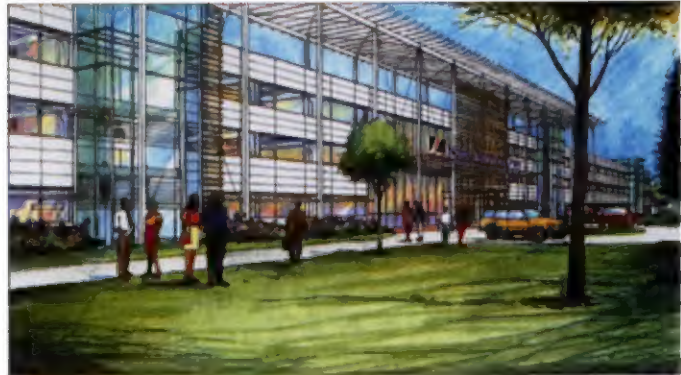
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin has received the national ACEC Honor Award for Engineering Excellence for its role in the clean-up, masterplanning, permitting, engineering and redevelopment of this 245-acre site in Woburn, now home to retail and commercial development... photo by Ron Coyne



Architectural Resources Cambridge has designed Harvard Medical School's new research building; William A. Berry & Son is the CM... photo by Graham Ramsay



Prellwitz/Chilinski has designed the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center renovation/addition in Cambridge



Arrowstreet, working with Latvian architect Valeinis un Stepe, is converting a former Soviet military communications factory in Riga into a high-tech industrial park (above); the firm is also designing a technology incubator in Iceland

Design Partnership of Cambridge's Lincoln Elementary School in Melrose was selected for the NSBA Exhibition of School Architecture in San Diego last month ...photo by Peter Vanderwarker



Sasaki Associates has launched a new Experiential Design and Architectural Communications group dedicated to expressing branding and messaging through graphics and multimedia applications for clients such as CO Space Services (above)... photo by Jonathan Hilmyer

renovating the Saltonstall Building in Boston with Elkus/Manfredi, Angell Memorial Animal Hospital Hospital in Boston with Jensen Stenbak in a collaboration with Gates Haben Cochrane, the Rivers School project in Weston with Jeffrey Millman Associates, and — with The Architectural Team — the Winning Farms project in Woburn and Wollaston Manor in Quincy...

Richard White Sons is providing CM services for Harvard Business School Publishing Company's new HQ in the Watertown Arsenal complex (Sasaki Associates is the architect)...**Boston Architectural Center** staffer Christine Araujo will be leaving the BAC to become Director of the Empowerment Zone for the City of Boston; the BAC recently hosted Mayor Menino, BRA Director Mark Maloney and other BRA officials discussing air-rights development in Boston in a special public forum...

Hodess Building Co. is building the new research and manufacturing facility for Tiffany & Co. in Rhode Island (designed by the Hillier Group)...**Wise Construction Corp.** is renovating 1430 Mass. Ave. ("College House") in Cambridge with Fondren McGrath Architects and Charles Chaloff Consulting Engineers and is working with Pisani & Associates on a new building at 155 Portland St. in Boston, renovating classroom and other spaces for Harvard with Robert Olson & Associates, office fit-up for Altran in Boston with Margolis + Fishman, office fit-up for Winterwyman.com in Tewksbury with Olson, Lewis & Dioli, and is providing CM services for Meridian Investments at 186 Lincoln Street in Boston...

William A. Berry & Son has completed construction of the new Spangler Center designed by Robert Stern FAIA for Harvard Business School; the company has also announced the appointment of Steven Tafone P.E. and Charles Viola as new VPs and the promotion of Thomas Koch to project executive...**Beacon Skanska** has been named a Charter Member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national environmental achievement track program, which recognizes industry leaders who have voluntarily exceeded the requirements of American environmental laws...**Daylor Consulting Group** is currently working on the EDIC garage at Boston's Marine Industrial Park with Engineers Design Group, 45 Province Street in Boston with Bruner/Cott, and 154 Berkeley Street in Boston with The Architectural Team; Michael Latka AICP and Bruce Wait PLS have joined the firm as, respectively, Senior Planner/Senior Project Manager and Director of the Land Development Studio...**Luchini Milfort Goodell & Associates'** recent and current work includes the Bromfield School addition and renovation in Harvard with Tappé Associates, the Milton Academy Saltonstall Gym addition and renovation in Milton with Finegold Alexander + Associates, and elementary school additions and

BSA Corporate Advisory Council

The 2001 BSA Corporate Advisory Council (industry leaders who advise the BSA Board of Directors) are Stan Durlacher (Carlisle Consulting Group), Gayle Farris (Forest City Commercial Group), Marty Holloran (AHA Consulting Engineers), Patrick Lee (Trinity Financial), John Messervy AIA (Partners Healthcare), Judith Nitsch P.E. (Judith Nitsch Engineering), Kathy Spiegelman (Harvard University), Gary Vanderweil P.E. (Vanderweil Engineers), and Robert Van Meter (Allston-Brighton CDC). For details on and appointment to the Corporate Advisory Council, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (rfitzgerald@architects.org) 617-951-1433x232; see also the related story on p. 13.

alterations in Walpole with TAMS...

Consigli Construction has named Michael Haseltine the General Supervisor and Thomas Burns (project manager) and Michael Powis (supervisor) have joined the company...**Walker Parking Consultants** has promoted Arthur Stadig P.E. to VP...**Gilbane** has named Richard Jacques its senior manager of business development in its Connecticut office...

Prior Engineering's recent and current work includes tenant fit-up in the Hancock Tower for Arkwright and build-out for Ernst & Young, renovations at Mission Park for Medical Facilities, peer reviews of a telecom hotel in Chicago and a Boston office building, additions to an MRI facility in Worcester, kitchen renovations for the Danvers Housing Authority and the Somerville Housing Authority, and construction of a new office building in Burlington...**Spaulding & Slye Colliers'** recent and current work includes the design of the Charles River Center project in Cambridge, base building construction for Charles River Labs in Wilmington with Stephen Wessling Architects and interiors projects for Commerce One in Cambridge with Bryer Architects, Tensor Corp. in Chelsea with Artios Architects, Vignette Corp. in Waltham with Gensler, Bernkopf Goodman and Baseman at 125 Summer Street in Boston with Visnick & Caulfield, Excelon in Burlington with Kodis Associates, Hale and Dorr in Waltham with Gensler, and Matrix Partners in Waltham with Visnick & Caulfield...**Souza, True and Partners** is providing design services for the new dorms and student center for the Exeter Job Corp with Miller Dyer Spears and the Main Street at Exton shopping plaza in Pennsylvania with Peterson/Griffin Architects...**Crimson Tech** has published new industry guidelines on what to expect from an A/V systems integrator and how to select a contractor; the guidelines are available by calling 978-753-4723...**Dimeo Construction** has completed a Habitat for Humanity residential project in Providence and is building One Brigham Circle's mixed-use retail and office complex in Mission Hill with Spagnolo/Gisness...**Siena Construction's** recent and current work includes 320 Bent Street in Cambridge

with Arrowstreet, Phase III at Curis in Cambridge with DTS Shaw, Phase II of Juniper Networks with ADD Inc, Phase II of a Zycos project in Lexington with Cubellis Associates, and two Timberland projects with Arrowstreet...**Columbia Construction's** recent and current work includes the new admissions office and headmasters house at the Brooks School in North Andover with Ann Beha Architects, nursing-home renovations at the Cortlandt Healthcare Facility in New York with Anthony Romeo Associates, renovation of the Goddard House retirement/nursing home in Jamaica Plain with Richard Heym and Associates, lab renovations at Eisai Research Institute in Wilmington with Olson Lewis & Dioli and AHA Consulting Engineers, a pilot project for Sun Microsystems in Burlington with ADD Inc, renovations for Deutsche Banc Alex Brown at 225 Franklin Street in Boston with Dyer/Brown and another Sun project in New Hampshire with Cubellis Associates...**Acentech** is providing consulting services with Graham Gund Architects for the new Morgan Center at Denison University...**Lee Kennedy Co.'s** current projects include renovations of undergraduate housing at MIT with Hecht Scherding Architects, a new daycare center and loading dock at the Pru with D.W. Arthur Associates, dining hall renovations at Harvard's Kresge Hall with Elkus/Manfredi, landscaping and construction of a new pavilion at Arnold Arboretum with Thompson and Rose and with Douglas Reed Landscape Architects, and tenant fit-out at the International Cargo Port for Boston Bay Brokers with Visnick & Caulfield; Judy Jackson (administration), Robert Ward (laborer/driver), Paul Davey (mechanical coordinator) and Charles Calcagno (field engineer) have joined the company...**Copley/Wolff Joint Venture** is working at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston on the redesign and reprogramming of the fountain at the head of the reflecting pool and is also working on the outdoor seasonal staging for the Church...**C.E. Floyd Co.** is converting an Historic District building at Concord Academy into residences with Stanley E. Black AIA and has completed the conversion of office condos into residential units on Union Wharf with Pitman & Wardley Architects; Michael Kendrick has joined the company as a project engineer.

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16 <i>The 105th Boston Marathon is today</i>	17 8:00 am South Boston Waterfront Task Force Noon *Corporate Advisory Council (see pp. 13 & 21)	18 8:30 am Codes & Regulations Cte (see p. 4) 5:15 pm Healthcare Facilities Cte 6:00 pm BSA Lecture Series: "Water Shapes Us" (see p. 1)	19 8:30 am Legislative Affairs Cte (see pp. 4 & 12) Noon *Small Firms Practice Cte ("Business & Ethics") 2:00 pm Young Designers Professional Development Institute II	20 8:30 am Housing Cte 6:00 pm DataCAD Boston Users Group (Avon Old Farms Inn Hotel, Avon CT; 860-677-4004/Mark Madura)
23 Noon *Mid-size Firms Roundtable 4:30 pm Building Envelope Cte <i>Shakespeare is 437</i>	24 8:00 am Design Cte 11:00 am *AIA Mass. Board Meeting Noon *Human Resources Roundtable 1:00 pm Design Professionals Day on Beacon Hill (see pp. 2 & 4)	25 8:00 am Marketing & PR Wizards Noon *New Technologies Cte 6:00 pm Women in Design Network's "Conversations" (see pp. 2 & 10) 6:30 pm ArchiCAD Users Group (Apple Mkt. Ctr., 9th fl., 28 State St., Boston)	26 8:30 am College & University Roundtable 6:00 pm Urban Design Cte (C7A, 1050 Mass. Ave., Cambridge)	27 <i>The Civic Initiative for A Livable New England Charrette is April 27- 29 (see pp. 1, 2, 5 & 14)</i> <i>Olmsted is 179</i>
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